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AND NOW, this day of	, 2022, upon		
consideration of Defendants, Charles W. Concodor	ra, M.D. and Urology for Children's, Motion		
in Limine to preclude any testimony, argument and	evidence regarding money owed to Urology		
for Children by St. Christopher's Hospital, and any	response thereto, it is hereby ORDRED and		
DEREED that said Motion is GRANTED .			
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Defendants, Charles W. Concodora, M.D. and Urology for Children, by and through their attorneys, German Gallagher and Murtagh, P.C., hereby move to preclude Plaintiffs from introducing testimony, argument and evidence regarding money owed to Urology for Children by St. Christopher's Hospital at the time of trial.

I. FACTS

This matter arises out of Plaintiffs' allegations that the Defendants were negligent which caused a delay in the diagnosis and treatment of the Minor Plaintiff's testicular torsion.

Plaintiffs' sole claim against Moving Defendant, Dr. Concodora, is for negligence. Plaintiffs' sole theory of liability against Moving Defendant, Urology for Children, is for vicarious liability for the alleged negligence of Dr. Concodora.

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Defendants, Dr. Concodora and Urology for Children, have vehemently denied this allegation and maintain that Plaintiffs' reference to any money owed by St. Christopher's Hospital is entirely irrelevant to this matter and had absolutely no relation to Dr. Concodora and Urology for Children's involvement with the minor Plaintiff.

II. LEGAL ARGUMENT

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Motion *in*Limine of Defendants, Charles W. Concodora, M.D. and Urology for Children, to preclude

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Re: Sipp-Lipscomb, et al. v. Einstein Physicians Pennypack Pediatrics, et al. United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania Civil Action No. 20-cv-1926

Dear Counsel:

In connection with the Order entered by Judge Strawbridge on March 9, 2022 (ECF No. 170), please consider this correspondence to constitute Plaintiffs' settlement demand for the primary insurance and MCare limits for each of the Defendants in this case. This demand is predicated upon a pattern of outrageous neglect and reckless misconduct evidenced by each of the Defendants in myriad ways that resulted in the Minor Plaintiff, Andres Gardin, Jr., losing his left testicle at 27 months of age from an undiagnosed testicular torsion.

Discovery in this case has revealed not only clear breaches of duty and obvious reckless misconduct, but a host of conflicting positions taken by the Defendants and their experts blaming each other for the events at issue. Because of the conflicts between the Defendants, together with the catastrophic injury and the outrageous misconduct, Plaintiffs expect that a jury in this case will award substantial punitive and compensatory damages against each Defendant. In this regard, we call your attention to *Campbell v. Allegheny University Hospital - Hahneman Division*, November Term 1999, No. 0440 (Philadelphia County), wherein the plaintiff was awarded \$8.5 Million in compensatory damages at trial for an undiagnosed testicular torsion. Fortunately for the plaintiff in *Campbell*, the torsed testicle on surgical examination did not need to be removed, unlike this case where due to the outrageous delay and misdiagnoses, when exploratory surgery was ultimately performed more than 24 hours after the child's initial presentation of symptoms, the torsed testicle was found to be no longer viable and required surgical removal.

In this case, each of the co-Defendants associated with St. Christopher's Hospital for Children claim that the original error transpired when the Andres' pediatric practice (operated by the Einstein Defendants) failed to direct his family to the emergency room when his mother first called an Einstein telephone triage nurse at 3:47 PM. In this regard, Andres' mother testified that when her child awoke from a nap around 3:45 PM on July 23, 2019, he had scrotal pain and scrotal swelling. According to the Einstein triage nurses that were deposed in this case, these symptoms constituted a known urological emergency requiring immediate medical attention at an ER. Einstein however did not direct Andres' mother to the ER and instead assured her that the symptoms were likely secondary to fluid accumulation and to simply monitor the child at home unless or until the symptoms worsened. Andres' mother followed this clearly reckless and medically unsupported advice to the letter and when the symptoms worsened in the early morning, she took the child to St. Chris who recorded in the ER note the content of her conversation with the Einstein triage nurse.

Through discovery in this case, Einstein has identified, contrary to its medical record keeping policy, that it cannot locate any record of the call. Nonetheless, the call is not in dispute because the

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telephone records produced by T-Mobile establish that the call was made for 2 minutes and 41 seconds. Moreover, Einstein cannot identify the employee that managed the triage call. Because Einstein has no evidence to dispute Plaintiffs' claim and did not follow its alleged habit, custom and practice, Einstein will be unable to contest a breach of the standard of care. This breach will become only more pronounced as each of the experts for the co-Defendants claim that emergency action should have been taken when the symptoms were first reported at 3:47 PM.

Einstein's grossly reckless errors, in violation of their own policies and procedures, were then compounded when Plaintiffs arrived at the St. Chris ER. Notwithstanding an obvious presentation for a testicular torsion that should have been addressed immediately and/or appropriately managed by St. Chris' ER physicians, ultrasound technician, remote teleradiologist and urology resident and attending, the many opportunities to address Andres' true condition were missed and otherwise recklessly avoided. It is ultimately beyond dispute from St. Chris' own internal investigation that the ultrasound imaging taken that evening failed to demonstrate testicular blood flow which should have triggered a prompt surgical evaluation. Had that action been taken, Andres' testicle would have survived—a point confirmed by both of Einstein's experts who opine that Andres' testicle was salvageable until his premature discharge from St. Chris.

The Defendants associated with St. Chris however have taken conflicting positions with the teleradiologist blaming the ultrasound technician, urology personnel and the ER physicians, and vice-a-versa, including accusations by Plaintiffs and some of the Defendants that St. Chris' ultrasound technician was engaged in the unauthorized practice of medicine without a license. These conflicts will only become more pronounced at trial and Plaintiffs predict will lead to a substantial jury award against all Defendants for both compensatory and punitive damages.

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All of these failures outlined in the reports of Plaintiffs' experts **and** the defense expert reports combined to cause Andres' premature discharge from St. Chris without an appropriate

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diagnosis. This error was only discovered after discharge when the attending on-site radiologist returned to work that morning to discover the misinterpreted ultrasound examination and took extraordinary action to cause the Philadelphia Police to find the family and have them return to the hospital. Unfortunately, because of the delays, Andres' left testicle was no longer salvageable and was discovered to be no longer viable during a surgical exploration later that afternoon.

As noted above, a less severe case of testicular torsion malpractice resulted in an \$8.5 million compensatory damage verdict for the plaintiff. It is beyond dispute in this case that Andres Gardin, Jr. is now disfigured with a missing left testicle. Andres Gardin's full damages will not, and cannot be known, until after puberty which is many years away. As noted by Plaintiffs' expert Dr. Casale, "[t]he main concerns of parents and patients who present with loss of a testis are, in no particular order, hormone levels, infertility, disfigurement, psycho-social development, and activity in sports" as well as "an increased risk for conditions such as loss of muscle strength, osteoporosis, loss of sex drive, erectile dysfunction/inability to achieve or maintain erection, hot flashes, weight gain, depression or low mood, and increased risk of cardiovascular disease." I also note that Scott B. Berger, M.D. (Defendant Kalyanpur and Teleradiology Solution's expert) opines that the remaining right testicle was seen on imaging "in the inguinal canal, and in conjunction with its abnormal pear shape, it could represent cryptorchidism," of the remaining right testicle. Cryptorchidism results in infertility as well, meaning that Andres Gardin, Jr. may well have no chance of any future fertility as a result of Defendants' collective outrageous misconduct and lack of proper care.

Finally we ask that counsel for those Defendants that have MCare coverage—Einstein, St. Chris, Dr. Hassel, Dr. Nath and Dr. Cho—timely confirm that an MCare representative will be in attendance at the mediation before Judge Strawbridge.

It is our hope that we can settle this matter with the Defendants through mediation before Judge Strawbridge and we look forward to hearing from each of you in advance of the mediation date.

Very truly yours,

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2			1 Board of Urology requires you to take a written
3	Direction to the Witness Not to Answer		2 exam, which I took a few years ago, and then an
			3 oral exam, which was just taken and passed, so I'm
4	PAGE	LINE	4 now fully board certified in urology.
5	41	12	5 Q. What I meant was prior to passing the oral
6			6 portion which when was that, in May?
7	Request for Production of Documents		7 A. Correct.
8	PAGE	LINE	8 Q. Prior to passing the oral portion in May you
9	NONE		9 were not board certified; is that correct?
10			10 A. I would have been board eligible, yes.
11			
12			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
13			12 A. Correct.
			13 Q. But you weren't quite there. Okay.
14			14 How old are you, Doctor?
15			15 A. Thirty-seven.
16			16 Q. When did you graduate med school?
17			17 A. That would have been May of 2010.
18			18 Q. Does that mean you took time off between
19			19 college and med school?
20			20 A. I finished college in December of 2005. I
21			21 finished one semester early.
22			22 Q. Where did you graduate college from?
23			23 A. That was the College of New Jersey.
24			24 Q. And then where did you go for med school?
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	duly sworn, was examined and testified as		3 Q. I'm sorry, you may have said this, but when
4	follows:		4 did you graduate med school?
5			5 A. May of 2010.
6	MR. SHUSTED: Dr. Concodora will rea	d	6 Q. And after graduating med school you went into
7	and sign the transcript, Pat.		7 an internship?
8	MR. JOKELSON: That's fine, Pat.		8 A. Correct.
9	BY MR. JOKELSON:		9 Q. And that was a one-year program?
10	Q. Good afternoon, Dr. Concodora.		10 A. So for Temple urology that's a six-year
11	A. Good afternoon. How are you?		program, which consisted of two years of general
12	Q. Good. I understand from your counsel	that you	surgery, and then four years of urology.
13	just finished up your board examinations?		13 Q. So the urology residency starts in your third
	A. Yes, that's correct.		14 postgraduate year at the time?
	Q. Congratulations.		15 A. Correct.
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	A. Thank you.	0114	16 Q. And that's a four-year residency?
	Q. Was that a recertification or was that y	our	17 A. Correct.
			18 Q. And so when did you complete your residency?
18	first time taking them?		1 1 1 1 1 1
18 19	A. That was the initial certification.		19 A. So my residency was complete in the end of
18 19	A. That was the initial certification.Q. That was the initial certification, so yo	u're	20 June of 2016.
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18 19 20 21 22 23	A. That was the initial certification.Q. That was the initial certification, so you not as of yet a board certified urologist?A. No, I am a board certified urologist.		June of 2016.Q. And then did you then move onto a fellowship?A. Correct.

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- 1 A. Pediatric urology.
- 2 Q. When did you complete your fellowship -- where
- 3 did you do your fellowship?
- 4 A. Cincinnati Children's, Cincinnati Ohio.
- 5 Q. And when did you complete that fellowship?
- 6 A. That was completed the end of June of 2018.
- 7 Q. Was there any other subspecialty that you
- 8 pursued?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. Do you know whether there's any accreditation
- that's offered to urologists associated with
- reading urology or scrotal ultrasounds?
- 13 A. Reading of scrotal ultrasounds is part of the
- residency. I do not have a formal accreditation in
- 15 radiology.
- 16 Q. Well, do you have any kind of accreditation in
- 17 ultrasound -- ultrasonography and/or urological
- 18 ultrasounds or scrotal ultrasounds?
- 19 A. Can you rephrase that, please?
- 20 Q. Yes. Do you have -- I think it's called the
- 21 AIUM. I believe that the American Institute of
- 22 Ultrasound in Medicine offers an accreditation in
- 23 ultrasound for urologists. Do you have any such
- 24 accreditation?

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- 1 happy to do that. Do you understand that?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Can we also have the understanding if I ask a
- 4 question and you don't ask me to rephrase the
- 5 question, that you've understood the question?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And do you think you could follow those rules?
- 8 A. Yes.
- 9 Q. And so far you're doing a good job because a
- 10 lot of people -- a lot of people during
- 11 depositions, they'll shrug their shoulders or nod
- their heads instead of giving verbal answers, and
- none of that the court reporter can take down. So
- 14 it's important you keep your voice up and that you
- answer the questions in a verbal way so the court
- 16 reporter can take it down because the court
- 17 reporter doesn't have any facility to take down
- 18 nonverbal answers. Do you understand that?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Doctor, are you a member of Urology For
- 21 Children?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. How long have you been a member of that
- 24 limited liability company?

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- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Are you familiar with the accreditation
- 3 process?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Is that something you're going to obtain or
- 6 are you satisfied with where you are?
- 7 A. I'm satisfied with where I am.
- 8 Q. Doctor, have you ever been deposed before?
- 9 A. No.
- 10 Q. So let me explain to you what this is about.
- 11 A deposition is just a question and answer session
- where the attorney asks you questions and the
- deponent answers the questions. It's not a
- marathon. It's not an endurance test. If you need
- to take a break, just say, Mr. Jokelson, I need a
- break. I need to use the facilities, use the
- washroom. Have a glass of water, have a bite to
- eat, speak with your attorney, any of that is
- 19 acceptable. Just say the word and we'll take a
- 20 break. Do you understand that?
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. And the same thing goes, if I ask a question
- and the question is confusing to you, just say,
- Mr. Jokelson, please rephrase the question and I'm

- 1 A. Three years.
 - 2 Q. And so that would have been -- when did you
 - 3 join them, in 2018?
 - 4 A. Correct.
 - 5 Q. And that would have been after your
 - 6 fellowship?
 - 7 A. Correct.
 - 8 Q. And as a member of Urology For Children in
 - 9 July of 2019 did you have any relationships with
- any hospitals where you provided on-call services?
 - 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. Which hospitals were those?
- 13 A. That would be St. Christopher's Hospital for
- 14 Children, Abington Memorial Hospital, Shriner's
- Hospital in Philadelphia, Virtua Hospital in
- Voorhees. We also have agreements with St. Luke's,
- 17 not for call coverage, but for telephone
- 18 consultations, and then also phone calls from
- 19 Temple Hospital.
- 20 Q. I'm just trying to keep up with you as you're
- saying this. So you have an on-call relationship
- with Shriner's Hospital, St. Christopher's Hospital
- for Children and Abington Memorial Hospital?
- 24 A. Correct.

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- 1 Q. Did I miss any?
- 2 A. Virtua Voorhees Hospital System.
- 3 Q. And those were all established relationships
- 4 back in 2019, in July of 2019, correct?
- 5 A. In July of 2019, yes.
- 6 Q. And then the telephone, you had a relationship
- 7 with St. Luke's Hospital and Temple University
- 8 Hospital whereby you just gave telephone consults?
- 9 A. It's a very informal relationship where
- infrequently we would receive a phone call from a
- 11 physician with a curbside question, very informal.
- 12 Q. Is it something that was covered by a
- 13 contract?
- 14 A. I don't know.
- 15 Q. Is it something that you bill for?
- 16 A. No, we do not bill for that.
- 17 Q. And with regard to the hospitals that you
- 18 provide -- that you provided the on-call coverage
- 19 for, were you paid -- the group was paid an hourly
- 20 rate?
- 21 A. I believe so. I would have to check with our
- 22 office.
- 23 Q. Were you also providing -- were you also
- billing insurance carriers for services that were

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- 1 case.
- A. I'm not familiar with this document
- 3 personally. This is something between Urology for
- 4 Children, and as an employee of Urology for
- 5 Children I'm not intimately aware of this document.
- 6 MR. JOKELSON: Jack, my understanding is
- 7 that this is -- this was represented to be
- 8 the contract; is that correct?
- 9 MR. SHUSTED: Correct.
- 10 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 11 Q. If you look on the first page of this
- agreement, which your counsel has represented is
- 13 the agreement that was in place between Urology for
- 14 Children, LLC and the entity operating
- 15 St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, it talks
- about in paragraph number one the group's
- 17 obligations. Do you see that?
- 18 A. Yes.
- 19 Q. And it says the group employs, and skipping
- down, duly licensed physicians, and it says the
- 21 group shall provide physicians to be on call to
- 22 provide emergency -- to provide services in the
- specialty to the hospital's emergency department.
- 24 Do you see that?

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- provided in addition to the hourly rate that you
- 2 were getting from the hospitals?
- 3 A. Once again, I'd have to check with my office.
- **4** Q. Do you have an understanding?
- 5 A. I have an understanding that we do bill for
- 6 specific consults at specific locations. I don't
- 7 know if there is an overlap between a stipend and
- 8 the billing. I stay out of that portion of it.
- 9 Q. And by stipend, you mean the hourly rate that
- 10 the hospital is paying.
- 11 A. I believe so, yes.
- 12 Q. Let me show you an exhibit.
- Doctor, can you see this -- are you able
- 14 to see this agreement on the screen?
- 15 A. Yes.
- MR. JOKELSON: Everybody else can see
- it, correct?
- MR. YOUNG: Yes.
- 19 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 20 Q. Is this the emergency on-call agreement that
- 21 covered your relationship with St. Christopher's
- Hospital at the time, do you know?
- 23 If you want, I can scroll through it.
- 24 This is what was produced by your counsel in this

- 1 A. I see that.
 - 2 Q. What are the services that a physician in your
- 3 capacity provides when you're on call, what does
- 4 that mean?
- 5 A. The services would be coverage of the
- 6 emergency department for any calls, that also
- 7 includes inpatient consultations as well.
- 8 Q. So when a call comes in about -- you're
- 9 talking about a call coming in -- a call coming in
- 10 for a patient where there's a urological concern
- 11 from the ER?
- 12 A. Right. So the emergency department would
- actively reach out to us and call our service and
- that's how they get in touch with Urology for
- 15 Children when they're wishing to have a consult
- 16 called in.
- Are you able to scroll down to the
- bottom of that, to the signature page?
- 19 Q. Yes. Absolutely. That's the signature page.
- 20 A. I don't see my name on there. I just wanted
- to make sure this is something I didn't sign.
- 22 Q. I'll represent to you this is a document that
- was signed on behalf of Urology for Children of
- which you're a member --

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- 1 A. Correct.
- 2 Q. By Michael G. Packer, M.D.
- 3 A. Thank you.
- 4 Q. Although for the record the document that
- 5 we've been produced, although it's represented to
- be the actual contract that was in place, is not,
- in fact, an executed version, but it is, in fact,
- 8 representative of what the final contract was.
- 9 What does it mean to provide coverage,
- 10 what actions do you take when you're the covering
- 11 doctor?
- 12 A. I think I answered that. It was covering
- emergency room consultations and inpatient
- 14 consultations, and if I have a patient admitted
- under our service, it would be the provider for
- that patient as well.
- 17 Q. When you're covering is there an expectation
- that you review medical records?
- 19 A. The expectation is to provide the standard of
- 20 care for a patient.
- 21 Q. And does the standard of care require that
- when you're covering the hospital's emergency room
- that you look at medical records, for instance?
- 24 A. The standard of care is to obtain information

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- 1 correct?
- 2 A. So each patient interaction, each consult has
- 3 different context. You're not going to be doing
- 4 the same for each patient encounter.
- 5 For some instances you would be
- 6 providing information directly from the patient;
- 7 other instances, this is a telephone consultation.
- 8 So even though there's multiple sources to obtain
- 9 information, you're not necessarily using every
- 10 source every time.
- 11 Q. So you can pick and choose which sources you
- want to use?
- MR. SHUSTED: Objection. Argumentative.
- 14 You can answer.
- THE WITNESS: I wouldn't say the phrase
- pick and choose, Mr. Jokelson. I would use
- 17 the appropriate information that's necessary
- 18 to provide the standard of care.
- 19 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 20 Q. And you're saying that could change depending
- upon the patient that you're dealing with?
- 22 A. Correct.
- 23 Q. Now, in this case it's my understanding you
- were on call on the 24th of July, 2019; is that

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- 1 from multiple sources.
- 2 Q. What are the multiple sources from which you
- 3 obtain information?
- 4 A. At a teaching hospital such as
- 5 St. Christopher's one of those sources is
- 6 residents, one of the sources is discussions with
- 7 attendings, that would be --
- 8 Q. By attendings you mean the ER attending?
- 9 MR. SHUSTED: Objection. Mr. Jokelson,
- 10 you're going to have to let him finish his
- 11 answer before you --
- MR. JOKELSON: I apologize.
- BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 14 O. Go ahead.
- 15 A. Thank you. So that would be information
- obtained from multiple sources such as residents,
- such as discussions with other providers,
- 18 information obtained specifically from the patient,
- 19 from also the records as well.
- 20 Q. So as the on-call Doctor, you would go to the
- 21 residents, you would go to the records, you would
- 22 go to other providers, and you would go to the
- patients in order to gather your information from
- 24 which you would make your assessment; is that

- 1 correct?
- 2 A. Only until 7:00 a.m.
- 3 Q. Only until 7:00 a.m. Is that important to you
- 4 that it was only until 7:00 a.m.?
- 5 A. No, that's just an arbitrary time that our
- 6 coverage ends.
- 7 Q. No, you stated as it if it was important for a
- reason that I wasn't picking up on.
- 9 A. I just want to make sure that we all
- understand that there is a time change here, and
- since this case expands over the course of the
- entire day, that we know that at 7:00 a.m. there
- was a change in coverage, that's the reason I bring
- 14 that up.
- 15 Q. So you're saying that you had no more
- responsibility after 7:00 a.m.?
- MR. SHUSTED: Objection. Go ahead. You
- 18 can answer the question.
- THE WITNESS: Can you rephrase that?
- 20 What do you mean by no more responsibility?
- BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 22 Q. Your responsibilities ended to the patient at
- 7:00 a.m., is that what you're saying?
- 24 A. No. So we do not just cut off responsibility

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- 1 at 7:00 a.m. The call coverage, meaning anything
- 2 that's new coming in would be directed to a
- 3 different provider at that point.
- 4 If I have an ongoing issue, then my
- 5 responsibility does not end at that time.
- 6 Q. So your responsibility continues beyond the
- 7:00 a.m. hour for patients that you had seen prior
- 8 to then?
- 9 A. Correct.
- 10 Q. Let me show you another document. Doctor, do
- 11 you see what's on the screen now?
- 12 A. Yes.
- 13 Q. This is the Urology for Children 2019 time log
- 14 for on-call services at St. Christopher's Hospital
- 15 for Children. Do you see that?
- 16 A. I don't specifically see where it says St.
- 17 Christopher's, but I do recognize this as a call
- 18 log for some location.
- 19 Q. Do you see at the top of the page what I've
- 20 circled in blue?
- 21 A. Yes, now I see St. Christopher's, yes.
- 22 Q. So I was correct that this is the time sheet
- for the on-call services provider for Urology for
- 24 Children at St. Christopher's in July of 2019,

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- 1 A. Yes, it is.
- 2 Q. And you understood, did you not, that this
- 3 signature was necessary for you to receive payment
- 4 from St. Christopher's Hospital?
- 5 A. I'm not certain. Possibly. I'd have to check
- 6 with my office about that.
- 7 Q. So if you go to the last page what they've
- 8 done is they've calculated the total number of
- 9 on-call hours for the month of July is 744 hours,
- and the hourly rate of 50 dollars an hour for a
- total fee of \$37,200. Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yes, I do.
- 13 Q. And then at the bottom of the page, I think
- 14 I'm reading this correctly, is that your signature
- at the bottom?
- 16 A. Yes, it is.
- 17 Q. And you signed that on August 23, 2019?
- 18 A. That's what it says, yes.
- 19 Q. And you were attesting that "by signing this
- 20 document the physician hereby affirms and attests
- 21 to the coverage services and the dates recorded for
- such services set forth herein were performed by
- 23 the physician, and that the physician fully
- 24 performed all services" -- "performed all

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- 1 correct?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And it says this is -- the first column talks
- 4 about the date services are provided. It goes into
- 5 the type of coverage. In the third column, the
- 6 hours of coverage, and then later on it gives the
- 7 physician's name, and then it gives sign off by the
- 8 physician. Do you see that?
- o A Ves
- 10 Q. So if you go to July 23, I'm going to try to
- 11 highlight it the best I can. Do you see that?
- 12 A. Yes, I do.
- 13 Q. So that was a Tuesday, July 23, and it has
- 14 under the notes in the fifth column, it identifies
- that from 5:00 p.m. until 11:59 p.m. on July 23,
- and then from 12:00 a.m. to 7:59 a.m. on the 24th
- that you were the on-call physician; is that
- 18 correct?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Does that refresh your recollection, Doctor,
- 21 that the changeover was not 7:00 a.m. but it was
- 22 rather 8:00 a.m.?
- 23 A. Yes, it does.
- 24 Q. Is that your signature on the right-hand side?

- 1 designated duties during this month." Is that
- 2 correct.
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And what are those designated duties that were
- 5 required?
- 6 A. That would be emergency department call
- 7 coverage.
- 8 Q. Again, that's where they call into -- you get
- 9 a call by someone in the emergency room, you would
- 10 make your own assessments and evaluations using the
- using one or more of the sources of information we
- discussed previously?
- 13 A. This is providing our availability to the
- 14 emergency department for, like I mentioned, for
- 15 consultations, telephone calls, in that aspect,
- 16 yes.
- 17 Q. As part of that availability when you were
- 18 making yourself available, did you have access to
- 19 St. Christopher's Hospital's electronic medical
- 20 records?
- 21 A. So the electronic medical records are
- 22 available remotely, however, they are notoriously
- 23 difficult and unreliable to log into. It requires
- specific software, specific hardware, which is not

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- provided by St. Christopher's, and therefore
- obtaining those remotely, like I mentioned, is not
- 4 Q. Well, did you ever inform St. Christopher's
- Hospital that you had unreliable access to medical
- records?
- 7 A. I've been to IT a few times, and that's as far
- as it's gone.
- Q. Well, did you ever inform the patients that
- you have unreliable access to their medical
- 11 records?
- MR. SHUSTED: Objection. You can 12
- answer. 13
- THE WITNESS: No, I have not informed 14
- patients of that. 15
- BY MR. JOKELSON: 16
- 17 Q. Well, is reliable access to medical records
- important for quality patient care? 18
- 19 A. So let me answer fully. Access --
- 20 Q. Sure. By the way, Doctor, I expect all of
- your answers to be full. 21
- 22 A. Okay. And I also expect to not be cut off.
- So you mentioned is it important to have reliable 23
- access to medical records, medical records, yes.

- answer.
- MS. ROBINSON: Join.
- 3 THE WITNESS: Can you rephrase that?
- BY MR. JOKELSON: 4
- O. If you personally wanted to see the medical
- records or, for instance, if you wanted to see an
- ultrasound study or some other study, and you
- didn't want to rely upon what the resident had to
- say, but you wanted to look at it, you could not 9
- reliably do that from home; is that correct? 10
- 11 A. If I --
- MS. ROBINSON: Object to the form. 12
- THE WITNESS: If I wanted to and needed 13
- to, I could attempt to log on and look. 14
- BY MR. JOKELSON: 15
- 16 O. But it wasn't reliable, was it?
- MS. ROBINSON: Objection. 17
- MR. SHUSTED: Objection. Argumentative. 18
- 19 What is your objection, Miss Robinson?
- MR. JOKELSON: Why don't we -- if we're 20
- going to go into speaking objections, why 21
- don't we excuse the witness. 22

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- 23 MR. SHUSTED: I just want to know the
- 24 basis of the objection. That isn't a

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speaking objection. What's the basis?

- MR. JOKELSON: That is a speaking 2
- objection. 3
- MR. SHUSTED: All right. Let's pose a 4
- different question and move on. 5
- MR. JOKELSON: No. I don't want to pose 6
- a different question. I'd like to get the 7
- answer to my question. 8
- Why don't we read back the question, 9
- back, Pat? 10
- (Whereupon the court reporter read back 11
- as follows: "Q. If you personally wanted 12
- to see the medical records or, for instance, 13
- if you wanted to see an ultrasound study or 14
- some other study, and you didn't want to 15
- rely upon what the resident had to say, but 16
- you wanted to look at it, you could not 17
- reliably do that from home; is that 18
- correct?") 19
- MR. SHUSTED: I object to the question. 20
- That's been answered, and you're misstating 21
- what he said, so I would ask you to rephrase 22
- 23 that question.
- MR. JOKELSON: I think he said he didn't 24

- Electronic medical records, that's different. 2
- There's other ways of obtaining that 3
- information that does not have to be remotely
- through electronic systems.
- 6 Q. So if you're at home and you're receiving a
- call at home, how else are you getting these
- medical records other than electronically?
- 9 A. So if I have a resident that is sitting at a
- computer on site that can read information, that's one way; if I have a physician that is on site that 11
- can relay information such as history and physical, 12
- that's another way of remotely getting information 13
- without logging onto the electronic medical record.
- 15 Q. What if you wanted to see the medical record?
- 16 A. I could attempt to log on or if it was
- necessary to, I could, if possible, proceed over to 17
- St. Christopher's. 18
- 19 Q. But from home, if you wanted to actually see
- the medical records yourself or see the ultrasound 20
- images or whatever in those medical records, you'd 21 question the reliability of your ability to do that
- from home? 23

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MR. SHUSTED: Objection. You can 24

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- 1 have reliable access.
- 2 MR. SHUSTED: Well, then he answered
- 3 that question.
- 4 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 5 O. Is that correct?
- 6 MR. SHUSTED: He already answered what
- 7 he answered. Why are you asking the same
- 8 question again if you already know the
- 9 answer?
- You're playing a game here David, which
- 11 is your taking --
- MR. JOKELSON: I don't think I'm playing
- a game at all.
- MR. SHUSTED: I think you are.
- MR. JOKELSON: That's an unfortunate
- statement, Jack. I don't think that's been
- 17 the history of this litigation whatsoever.
- MR. SHUSTED: Let's just move on. We
- 19 can figure this out later on.
- MR. JOKELSON: We always have that
- 21 right.
- BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 23 Q. Doctor, in this case did you have a resident
- that was covering for you at the hospital or

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- 1 you have an understanding of the skill level of
- 2 your resident in this case?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. What was that?
- 5 A. And I'm assuming you're referring to Dr. Cho?
- 6 Q. Yes.
- 7 A. So Dr. Cho --
- 8 Q. Unless there was another resident.
- 9 A. No, there wasn't another resident.
- Dr. Cho is a very competent resident and
- 11 I had worked with Dr. Cho for some time and have
- 12 had very good positive interactions with him, and
- 13 he was very thorough, and I relied -- and he is
- 14 very competent.
- 15 Q. How long a period of time did you have to
- 16 assess his competency?
- 17 A. Let me go through the history of when I first
- met Dr. Cho, if I can.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. So when I was at Temple University Hospital
- 21 during residency, during my chief year, Dr. Cho was
- a medical student on service briefly, and that was
- 23 my first time interacting with him, so as a medical
- 24 student I could -- as a chief resident, I could

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- 1 covering for you at any place?
- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. And how did that relationship work in terms of
- 4 when they were to report to you and how they were
- 5 to handle the call?
- 6 A. So St. Christopher's Hospital has an agreement
- 7 with Temple University Hospital with the urology
- 8 department. The urology residents cover St.
- 9 Christopher's Hospital emergency department, and
- the consults from the emergency department are
- 11 directed to the urology resident. They're the ones
- that get the first call.
- After the resident has evaluated the
- patient, that resident is -- will then reach out to
- 15 the covering attending.
- 16 Q. How is that reach out done?
- 17 A. By telephone.
- 18 Q. Is it ever done by text message?
- 19 A. It can be by text message as well, a mixture
- 20 of both.
- 21 Q. What about e-mail?
- 22 A. For consultations for the emergency department
- in the middle of the night, no.
- 24 Q. So just text message and telephone call. Did

- 1 first evaluate his competency as a student and then
- 2 after my completion of pediatric urology
- 3 fellowship, then I worked with Dr. Cho while he was
- 4 a resident at Temple University Hospital.
- So on multiple occasions -- I had the
- 6 ability to work with him on multiple consultations,
- 7 and he was always very thorough with his history
- 8 and physical.
- 9 Q. So how long had you been working with him
- while he was a urology resident, how many times?
- 11 A. And so he -- he was in his PGY-3 year, the
- beginning of PGY-3 year, so during his PGY-2 year
- he was on urology, and when he covered TempleHospital, he also covered Temple -- I'm sorry -- he
- also covered St. Christopher's Hospital, which
- would include emergency department consultations.
- I cannot give you a specific number of
- 18 how many times I spoke with him, but it was
- 19 numerous occasions.
- 20 Q. Do you know when he started rounding at
- 21 St. Christopher's Hospital emergency room?
- 22 A. The beginning of his PGY-2 year while he
- 23 provided coverage -- while he provided Temple --
- 24 when he was on service at Temple University

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- 1 Hospital, when he's taking call, he's also covering
- 2 St. Christopher's.
- 3 It's what we call a call pool where
- 4 there's multiple hospitals covered at the same
- 5 time. So he would cover both Temple Hospital and
- 6 St. Christopher's Hospital, so he began covering
- 7 St. Christopher's during his PGY-2 year.
- 8 Q. Do you know when he started rounding at St.
- 9 Christopher's Hospital?
- 10 A. What do you mean by rounding at St.
- 11 Christopher's Hospital?
- 12 Q. Do you know when he began his rotation, his
- pediatric rotation?
- 14 A. That makes more sense.
- 15 Q. Sure.
- 16 A. So he began his pediatric rotation the
- beginning of July of 2019.
- 18 Q. So in that capacity you had only been working
- with him for a couple of weeks?
- 20 A. I've worked with him for over a year, but in
- 21 the capacity of a resident on the pediatric service
- 22 it was for a month.
- 23 Q. For less than a month, actually, was it not?
- 24 A. Twenty-four days. Actually it would have been

- 1 MR. SHUSTED: Objection.
- 2 THE WITNESS: I don't understand what
- 3 you're saying.
- 4 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 5 Q. You only know from your experience when you
- 6 had gone through it, but you don't know what
- 7 Dr. Cho's experience was, do you?
- 8 MR. SHUSTED: Objection. You can
- 9 answer.

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- 10 THE WITNESS: I understand that Dr. Cho
- went through the same rotations that every
- urology resident goes through. I have a
- 13 good understanding of the level of training.
 - I have a good understanding of the
- volume that this -- that this resident has.
- 16 I have a good understanding of the types of
- 17 pathology that Dr. Cho would have come
- 18 across during his training.
- I have a good understanding of the
- 20 resources that Dr. Cho would have used
- 21 during his training.
- BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 23 Q. Do you have any understanding whether Dr. Cho
- had sufficient training to exclude a diagnosis of

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- 1 more than that. The residents, they change their
- 2 service late June, because that's when the
- 3 residency ends, so I don't have a specific date for
- 4 you, but it would have been late June when he
- 5 started on the pediatric rotation.
- 6 Q. Do you know how many days in July you were on
- 7 call at the emergency room at St. Christopher's
- 8 Hospital?
- 9 A. No, I can't recall that off the top of my
- 10 head
- 11 O. Well, that would be reflected on your time
- sheet, right?
- 13 A. It should.
- 14 Q. We were talking before, do you have any
- understanding about the level of training that
- 16 Dr. Cho had?
- 17 A. What do you mean by level of understanding?
- 18 Q. Level of training, training, do you have any
- 19 understanding as to the level of training that
- 20 Dr. Cho had?
- 21 A. Well, considering I went to the same residency
- 22 that Dr. Cho did, then, yes, I do.
- 23 Q. But you don't know specifically for Dr. Cho,
- do you?

- 1 testicular torsion?
- 2 A. Being only a few weeks into his pediatric
- 3 residency, I had no expectation that he would be
- 4 able to specifically come up with a diagnosis of
- 5 testicular torsion on his own --
- 6 Q. Did -- I'm sorry. I didn't mean to cut you
- 7 off. Go ahead.
- 8 A. There was never an expectation that a resident
- 9 could come up with a diagnosis on their own. There
- is a level of expectation that a resident could
- obtain a pertinent history, a thorough and complete
- 12 pertinent history. There is a level of expectation
- that a resident can perform a physical exam, and it
- 14 doesn't matter that it was a child because the
- components of a physical exam range into adults as
- 16 well.
- 17 O. Did I ask whether it had to do with a child?
- MR. SHUSTED: Please don't interrupt,
- 19 Mr. Jokelson. He was answering your
- 20 question and he was answering completely,
- 21 and you were trying to interrupt and --
- MR. JOKELSON: I think he was answering
- 23 his own question, but go on.
- MR. SHUSTED: No. He was answering

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1	yours and let him complete it, and if you		MR. SHUSTED: Objection. You asked		
2	have a question after that, you can ask that		whether it was Dr. Concodora. I think you		
3	question, or if you're finished with the		3 meant Dr. Cho.		
4	deposition after that question, that's fine,		4 MR. JOKELSON: You're right. That is a		
5	too, but don't interrupt him, please.		5 mistake. I meant Dr. Cho. I apologize.		
6	BY MR. JOKELSON:		6 MR. SHUSTED: Just start again.		
7	Q. Go on.		7 THE WITNESS: Yes, start over, please.		
8	A. Ask your question.		8 BY MR. JOKELSON:		
9	MR. SHUSTED: What you've done is you	're	9 Q. Did Dr. Cho have sufficient training to		
10	interrupting, please stop doing it. You've		10 determine whether an ultrasound could demonstrate		
11	done it like ten times so far.		11 blood flow in the testicles?		
12	MR. JOKELSON: I've asked him to		12 A. There's no expectation that Dr. Cho would have		
13	complete his answer. That's all I said.		sufficient training at that point in time.		
14	MR. SHUSTED: Yes, but you interrupted		14 Q. When would that when would that skill be		
15	him so he lost his train of thought.		developed, at what point in the residency?		
16	MR. JOKELSON: Pat, why don't you read	l	16 A. Right. So it varies between residents. They		
17	back his answer and he can finish.		are each resident has exposure to radiologic		
18	(Whereupon the court reporter read back		studies, including scrotal ultrasounds, throughout		
19	as follows: "A. There was never an		19 their entire residency.		
20	expectation that a resident could come up		They will little by little develop these		
21	with a diagnosis on their own. There is a		skills necessary to properly interpret these reads,		
22	level of expectation that a resident could		but residents also rely on studies from board		
23	obtain a pertinent history, a thorough and		23 certified radiologists.		
24	complete pertinent history. There is a		24 Q. Did you have any understanding at that point		
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1	level of expectation that a resident can		1 in time what his skill level was?		
2	perform a physical exam, and it doesn't		2 A. Yes.		
3	matter that it was a child because the		3 Q. And what was that?		
4	components of a physical exam range into		4 A. So on numerous previous occasions Dr. Cho was		
5	adults as well.")		5 able to look at images and relay information that		
6	THE WITNESS: We'll leave it at that,		6 would correlate with the findings of the		
7	Mr. Jokelson.		7 radiologist.		
8	BY MR. JOKELSON:		8 Q. How many numerous occasions are we talking		
9	Q. So you did give a complete answer?		9 about?		
10	MR. SHUSTED: I'll object to that		10 A. Once again I mentioned that I don't know of an		
11	because you interrupted him and he lost his		11 exact number for you.		
12	train of thought. If you let him finish and		12 Q. How often would Dr. Cho be on call at St.		
13	then say, Dr. Concodora, I don't think you		13 Christopher's Hospital?		
14	answered the question, that's fine, but let		14 A. I don't know.		
15	him finish and let's move on.		15 Q. Well, you went through the program, did you		
16	MR. JOKELSON: I just let him finish and		not? Is there a limit to the number of days per		
17	I'm asking if he gave a complete answer.		17 week?		
18	That's all.		18 A. So it varies on how many residents are in the		
19	THE WITNESS: I'm finished with that		19 call pool, so there could be three residents.		

- 22 Q. Did Dr. Concodora have sufficient training to
- 23 determine whether or not an ultrasound could
- demonstrate reliable blood flow?

to be on call?

20 There could be five residents.

21 Q. And when there are three residents, is there a

maximum number of days that a resident is permitted

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CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 41 CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 43 1 O. What is that? department consult, I had been given information directly from Dr. Cho during a telephone 2 A. I can't recall right now. You'd have to check 3 the ACGME requirements. conversation and based on our conversation, the 4 Q. But you're saying that during the three prior standard of care was met and there was sufficient weeks or four prior weeks you had significant information at that time. experience with him, with him reading ultrasounds? 6 Q. Is the information that you were given by 7 A. Along with the year prior to that. Dr. Cho accurately and completely recorded in your 8 Q. And that's because, according to you, it note, in your attending note that you signed? doesn't matter whether or not -- well, strike that. A. Are you talking about my addendum? Is there something that's funny? Q. I'm talking about the attending note that you 10 11 A. Well, I --11 cosigned. MR. SHUSTED: Don't answer that. 12 A. I don't -- Mr. Jokelson, I do not cosign an 12 Mr. Jokelson, your tactic here is painfully attending note. I cosign a resident's note. I 13 13 obvious. You're trying to restate things would put down the attending addendum. That would 14 14 that are said and trying to annoy the Doctor be my portion of the note. 15 rather than asking questions straight up Q. Actually, it's called an attending note, I 16 16 think, but I don't want to get into a dispute over questions. 17 17 MR. JOKELSON: I'm trying to get answers nomenclature. 18 18 to questions is what I'm trying to do. 19 MR. JOKELSON: Previously I had shown 19 MR. SHUSTED: You're trying to harass the Doctor a document, the contract, and 20 20 the Doctor and get under his skin. That's 21 that should be marked, so why don't we mark 21 that as Plaintiff's Exhibit P-16. what you're trying to do. 22 22 MR. JOKELSON: I think that's a 23 23 purposelessly ridiculous statement, Jack. I 24 (Whereupon Exhibit P-16 was marked for CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 42 Page 44 think if you reflect on it, you'd know -identification.) maybe you do, in fact, know it, but 2 whatever, we can go through that later. MR. JOKELSON: And then the same thing 3 BY MR. JOKELSON: goes for the next document that I showed the 5 Q. Doctor, did there come a time when you Doctor, which was the on-call time log. reviewed the medical records in this case? Let's call that P-17. 6 7 (Whereupon Exhibit P-17 was marked for 8 Q. And when was that? 9 A. That would have been when I cosigned Dr. Cho's identification.) note. And then --11 O. When -- go on. BY MR. JOKELSON: 11 12 A. And then that would have been after learning Q. I'm going to share the consultation note. Do of this lawsuit? you see this, Doctor? 14 Q. And when did you cosign Dr. Cho's note? 14 A. Yes. 15 A. I believe that was on July 28. **15** Q. This is the consultation report? 16 Q. And so at no time prior to July 28 did you 16 A. Yes. review the medical records? Q. And it says it was performed by Eric Cho. Do 18 A. Correct. you see that? 19 Q. And the medical records were also including A. Yes. 20 the ultrasound images? 20 Q. At 6:07 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time? 21 A. Correct. 21 A. Yes. 22 Q. Is there any reason why you didn't review them 22 O. And then it identifies that it was prior to the 28th? authenticated by you at 2020 hours Eastern Daylight 24 A. So the -- at the time of the emergency Time on July 28. That's consistent with what you

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- 1 told me before, which is when you looked at the
- 2 medical records for the first time?
- 3 A. Correct.
- 4 MR. JOKELSON: And if you go to -- just
- 5 for everybody else's benefit this was
- 6 previously marked as Plaintiff's Exhibit
- 7 P-13, and it's document number SCHC 6
- 8 through 9.
- 9 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 10 Q. If you go to the last page, there's a portion
- called the attending note. I don't see anything in
- here called attending addendum. Is there a
- separate attending addendum that I'm unaware of?
- 14 A. So that is the addendum, so when this note is
- 15 created by the resident, Dr. Cho, and that's what
- it states at the top, performed by Dr. Cho, that
- 17 note is then forwarded to me, to my inbox, and then
- 18 I place an addendum on the note.
- So my addendum which is entitled
- attending note is what you're looking at there.
- 21 Q. So we were talking about the same thing?
- 22 A. We were talking about the same thing, yes, but
- so you know I'm not cosigning an attending note.
- 24 I'm cosigning a resident's note.

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- that is inaccurate or incomplete?A. No, there's nothing inaccurate or incomplete.
- 3 O. And I take it that -- it says here, per the
- 9. And I take it that -- it says here, per the
- 4 resident the patient presented with scrotal
- 5 swelling that was waxing and waning in size. Is
- 6 that your understanding?
- 7 A. Yes. And, Mr. Jokelson, I'd like to go back
- 8 to, you mentioned inaccurate or incomplete, I'd
- 9 like to mention that my last sentence there, per
- 10 the resident, the ultrasound was officially
- 11 reported as normal, my use of the word official is
- to refer to the fact that the ultrasound was
- officially read by a board certified radiologist
- 14 through tele-radiology services. I am not
- mentioning that this is a final report. I'm
- referring to that this was a report by a board
- 17 certified radiologist.
- 18 Q. Do you understand there's a difference between
- an official read and a preliminary read?
- 20 A. I understand there's a difference between a
- 21 preliminary and a final.
- 22 Q. A preliminary and a final, you don't
- 23 understand the word official to be the same as the
- word final, an official report is the final report?

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- 1 Q. You're cosigning a document that is four pages
- long that's called at the very top consultation
- 3 report, and as part of the consultation report, as
- 4 I understand it, there's something at the bottom
- 5 called an attending note, and you're cosigning the
- 6 entirety of this document; is that correct?
- 7 A. Correct.
- 8 Q. So in terms of the attending note, which is
- 9 what you call the attending addendum, which no
- 10 matter what you call it are all part of the
- 11 consultation report, is that a complete and
- accurate recitation of what you discussed with Dr.
- 13 Cho and what happened?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. I take it it's true that you discussed the
- care of the patient with the resident, right?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. And you also -- you didn't personally examine
- 19 the patient, correct?
- 20 A. Correct.
- 21 Q. And you didn't review the ultrasound images;
- 22 is that correct?
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. Is there anything about this attending note

- 1 A. I think any report is official since it's
- 2 finding itself in an official electronic medical
- 3 record or medical record in general. So let's make
- 4 a distinction between preliminary and final.
- 5 Like I mentioned, when I use the word
- 6 official, I'm stating that a report was generated
- 7 and is in the record.
- 8 Q. Would that also go to statements of ultrasound
- 9 technicians?
- 10 A. I never use the word of an ultrasound
- 11 technician.
- 12 Q. Why is that?
- 13 A. An ultrasound technician is not qualified to
- 14 read or interpret images. An ultrasound technician
- is specifically to perform the technical aspect of
- 16 the ultrasound.
- 17 Q. And that means the ultrasound technician does
- 18 not have the qualifications to identify whether or
- not there's blood flow to the testicles?
- MS. ROBINSON: Objection.
- BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 22 Q. Is that correct?
- 23 A. I'd like you to rephrase that.
- MR. JOKELSON: Pat, why don't you read

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June 29, 2021 CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 49 CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 51 back my question so I can listen to it and if now is a good time? rephrase it. MR. JOKELSON: I missed what you said. 2 (Whereupon the court reporter read back 3 MR. SHUSTED: Let's take a five-minute 3 as follows: "Q. And that means the break, a restroom break for me and we'll be ultrasound technician does not have the 5 qualifications to identify whether or not MR. JOKELSON: Certainly. Certainly. 6 there's blood flow to the testicles?") 7 BY MR. JOKELSON: 8 (Whereupon a recess was held.) Q. Does the ultrasound technician have the 9 BY MR. JOKELSON: qualifications to determine whether an ultrasound 10 10 11 reliably demonstrates blood flow? 11 Q. Let me show you, Doctor, another document. MS. ROBINSON: Objection. You said before when you went back on on 12 12 MR. SHUSTED: You can answer. the 28th and you logged on to sign your note, that 13 13 THE WITNESS: I'm not familiar with what was the first time that you looked at the medical 14 the qualifications are for an ultrasound records? 15 15 tech. I'm not familiar with their 16 A. Yes. 16 certification process. 17 Q. What records did you look at? 17 I quite honestly don't know what an 18 A. Dr. Cho's note. 18 19 ultrasound tech is supposed to be doing and 19 Q. Nothing else? what they're supposed to be looking for. 20 A. Not that I can recall. 20 BY MR. JOKELSON: 21 Q. Any reason you didn't look at any of the 21 22 Q. Doctor, was it ever reported to you that there records? were any limitations to the ultrasound study that 23 A. Because the addendum note that I was putting 23 was done? on Dr. Cho's note was based on the conversation CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 50 CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 52 that I had with Dr. Cho on the 24th, and based 1 A. No. 2 Q. Do you understand whether the ultrasound study solely on the information that I had at that time. 3 was significantly limited? 3 Q. You weren't curious about anything else in the 4 A. Are you asking if I understood at the time chart? back in July of '19? 5 A. No. 6 O. Sure. 6 O. Did you know anything about this case from Dr. 7 A. No. No. Balsara? 8 Q. Did you understand at the time whether the 8 A. I can't recall when I found out more ultrasound was significantly limited? information about this case. 10 A. At the time, no. 10 Q. Do you know whether it would have been before 11 Q. Did you understand whether the ultrasound at you wrote the note? the time was of poor quality? 12 A. I can't recall. 13 O. So it could have been before? 13 A. No. 14 Q. Did you understand at the time that the 14 A. It could have been after. ultrasound was a "extremely limited study?" 15 Q. And it could have been before; is that 16 correct? 16 A. No. 17 Q. Did you understand at the time -- did you know 17 A. Yes. whether the ED -- whether the ultrasound technician 18 Q. Dr. Balsara, she also works for Urology for 19 requested or discussed medicating the patient, Children? sedating the patient? 20 A. Yes. 20 21 A. No. Mr. Jokelson, can I have a moment to 21 Q. And she was the urologist who performed speak with Mr. Shusted? 22 surgery? 23 Q. Sure you can. 23 A. Yes.

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MR. SHUSTED: How about a restroom break

24 Q. On the 24th -- and that was surgery to remove

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Andres Gardin, Jr.'s left testicle?

- 2 A. Yes.
- 3 Q. Let me show you -- this is the comments that
- 4 the ultrasound technician provided to the
- 5 tele-radiologist in this case. Do you see this?
- 6 A. I see your screen.
- 7 Q. And do you see the tech comments extremely
- 8 limited study, patient inconsolable, screaming
- 9 inconsolable, screaming, constant motion?
- 10 A. Yes, I can see that.
- 11 Q. Right testis within normal limits with an
- inguinal canal, flow imaging limited but
- visualized, left testes limited but seen,
- 14 significant increase of flow visualized in the area
- of the left, epididymitis, I guess that is. Spoke
- to ED about limited results, were comfortable and
- 17 choose not to medicate patient.
- Did you ever become aware of any of this
- information at the time?
- 20 A. At the time of what?
- 21 Q. On the 24th of July.
- 22 A. No.
- 23 Q. Did you become aware of it at any time prior
- to when you signed your note?

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- 1 A. Particularly about testicular torsion, then,
- 2 yes.
- 3 Q. What does sensitivity mean to you?
- 4 A. Sensitivity is how well a test can detect the
- 5 true diagnosis, so looking for the true positives.
- 6 Q. What about specificity, what does that mean to
- 7 you?
- 8 A. Specificity is how well a test can
- 9 specifically pick up on a specific diagnosis versus
- other things on your differential.
- 11 Q. And you never knew about any limitations
- relating to inconsolable screaming -- inconsolable
- screaming, constant motion, correct?
- 14 A. Correct. I was never informed of any of the
- particulars on the study.
- 16 Q. Let me show you another document.
- MR. JOKELSON: For the record, that was
- 18 Plaintiff's Exhibit P-4 that I was referring
- 19 to.
- 20 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 21 Q. By the way, Doctor, do you understand there
- can be a difference between a preliminary
- 23 ultrasound report and a final ultrasound report?
- 24 A. I think we answered that before, but, yes,

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- 1 A. No.
- 2 Q. Do you know whether motion has any impact on
- 3 an ultrasound evaluation, a scrotal ultrasound
- 4 evaluation?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. And what kind of impact is that?
- 7 A. Well, it depends on what you're looking for on
- 8 that scrotal evaluation.
- 9 Q. When you're assessing for a differential
- 10 diagnosis that includes testicular torsion, does it
- 11 have any impact?
- 12 A. It can have an impact.
- 13 Q. What kind of impact can it have?
- 14 A. Well, excessive motion, that can decrease --
- sorry -- that can make it challenging for review of
- the Doppler wave forms.
- 17 Q. Can it impact or compromise or does it
- 18 compromise the specificity of the test?
- 19 A. It can.
- 20 Q. Does it compromise the sensitivity of the
- 21 test
- 22 A. It can and, once again, it depends on what
- you're looking for.
- 24 Q. If you're looking for testicular torsion?

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- raye so
- 2 final.
- 3 Q. What is the difference?
- 4 A. So a final report is the definitive
- 5 description of the ultrasound. A preliminary
- 6 report is a report that is focusing in on specific

there is a difference between a preliminary and a

- 7 aspects of the report -- I'm sorry, of the exam,
- 8 and it's also focused on things that the ordering
- 9 physician has requested.
 - So, for example, in this case with a
- 11 testicular torsion on the differential and when the
- radiologist is asked, requested to look for
- testicular torsion, I expect, and it's been in my
- experience that a preliminary finding, although
- incomplete potentially, based on the definition of
- preliminary should be very complete on answering
- 17 that specific question.
- 18 Q. Let me show you the preliminary report in this
- 19 case. Do you see this, Doctor? This is the
- 20 preliminary report issued by Teleradiology
- 21 Solutions and electronically signed by Arjun
- 22 Kalyanpur, M.D. This is previously identified for
- 23 the record as Plaintiff's Exhibit P-6.
- This is the preliminary report we've

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- 1 been talking about?
- 2 A. I don't know that we've been talking about
- 3 this preliminary report specifically. I think this
- 4 is our first time bringing up this report.
- 5 Q. Is there any other preliminary report that
- 6 you're aware of in this case?
- 7 A. So when you mean aware of in this case, aware
- 8 of after the fact, but this is the only preliminary
- 9 report that I'm aware of.
- 10 Q. At any point, is there any other preliminary
- 11 report? I'm confused by your answer.
- MR. SHUSTED: Why are you confused by
- that answer?
- MR. JOKELSON: It was suggesting that
- there may be another preliminary report and
- if there is, I'm not aware of any.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Mr. Jokelson, my
- interpretation of your question is that
- 19 you're asking if I was aware of a
- 20 preliminary report. I'm just specifying
- 21 that I was not aware of a preliminary report
- at the time of this case.
- 23 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 24 Q. Okay. I understand. You're aware that there

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- 1 generally or was there a finding that there was no
- 2 testicular torsion within the limits of the study?
- MS. ROBINSON: Object to the form.
- THE WITNESS: Please rephrase that.
- 5 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 6 Q. Was there a finding that there was no
- 7 testicular torsion generally or was there a finding
- 8 that there was no testicular torsion within the
- 9 limits of the study which was noted to be
- significantly and markedly limited?
- MS. ROBINSON: Object to the form.
- MR. SHUSTED: Objection. You can
- 13 answer
- 14 THE WITNESS: Honestly I don't know how
- to answer. I'm not understanding this
- 16 question.
- 17 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- **18** Q. I'll try it again.
- Was -- did you understand that there was
- 20 no evidence of testicular torsion generally as
- 21 distinct from a finding of no testicular torsion
- within the confines of this "limited evaluation?"
- MS. ROBINSON: Object to the form.
- MR. SHUSTED: Objection. You can

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- 1 was a report of whatever nature?
- 2 A. I was aware that there was a report read by a
- 3 board certified radiologist and that is the report
- 4 that I referred to as official in my note.
- 5 Q. And do you see here it talks about6 significantly limited evaluation due to a
- 7 noncooperative patient?
- 8 A. I can read that on your screen, yes.
- 9 Q. And again, you were never advised of that,
- 10 correct?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 Q. Now, it says under the impression that this
- is, one, markedly limited evaluation as described.
- 14 Do you see that?
- 15 A. I see that.
- 16 Q. Again, you were never made aware of that
- 17 information, correct?
- 18 A. Correct.
- 19 Q. And then it says no evidence of testicular
- 20 torsion on this limited evaluation. Were you made
- 21 aware of that finding?
- 22 A. I was made aware of the finding that there was
- 23 no evidence of testicular torsion.
- 24 Q. Was there a finding of no testicular torsion

- 1 answer.
- 2 THE WITNESS: I was notified that there
- 3 was no testicular torsion based on the
- 4 study. I was never notified of limitations,
- 5 so --
- 6 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 7 Q. So you didn't know that there was a qualifier
- to Dr. Kalyanpur's report?
- 9 MR. SHUSTED: You just interrupted him.
- MS. ROBINSON: Objection. Please note
- 11 my objection to the characterization of the
- 12 report.
- MR. HOSMER: Objection.
- MR. SHUSTED: I have the same objection.
- 15 Mr. Hosmer, do you also have an objection?
- MR. HOSMER: Yes, I made it. Thank you.
- MR. SHUSTED: You can answer the
- 18 question if you remember it.
- THE WITNESS: Can you please read back
- 20 the question?
- (Whereupon the court reporter read back
- 22 as follows: "Q. So you didn't know that
- there was a qualifier to Dr. Kalyanpur's
- 24 report?")

CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 61 CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 63 THE WITNESS: If you want to torsion, even if there's a limitation, it appears 1 characterize it as a qualifier, then I was that that limitation did not prevent the not aware of "qualifiers: radiologist from coming up with this finding of no I was made aware of a report by the testicular torsion. 4 4 radiologist stating no testicular torsion. MR. YOUNG: I'll object to the answer as 5 BY MR. JOKELSON: nonresponsive. 6 6 7 Q. In fact, it says no evidence of testicular 7 BY MR. JOKELSON: torsion on this limited evaluation; is that Q. That wasn't the finding, was it? The finding was no evidence of testicular torsion on this correct? 9 limited evaluation. MS. ROBINSON: I'm going to object in 10 10 that I think that mischaracterizes the 11 He didn't make a general finding of no 11 report and the entirety of the report. testicular torsion, did he? 12 12 MR. JOKELSON: I don't think it MS. ROBINSON: Object -- objection. 13 13 mischaracterizes anything. I think I just Asked and answered and we've been through 14 14 15 read it verbatim. 15 this before. THE WITNESS: So, Mr. Jokelson, if BY MR. JOKELSON: 16 16 you're asking can I read what is on your 17 Q. Did he? 17 screen, I can read what's on your screen. MR. SHUSTED: What's the question? 18 18 19 If you're asking me what I knew and what 19 MR. JOKELSON: Why don't you read it was referred to me, then there's a 20 back, Pat. 20 21 discordance between that. 21 THE WITNESS: Yes. BY MR. JOKELSON: (Whereupon the court reporter read back 22 22 as follows: "Q. That wasn't the finding, 23 O. A discordance between what? 23 was it? The finding was no evidence of 24 A. What is on your screen and what was told to me CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 62 CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 64 at the time of my phone conversation. testicular torsion on this limited 2 Q. So what's on the screen marked as impression 2 evaluation. number two is different than what you were told in He didn't make a general finding of no 3 your telephone conversation by Dr. Cho, correct? testicular torsion, did he?") 4 MR. SHUSTED: Objection. You can THE WITNESS: He wrote down on his 5 5 impression no evidence of testicular torsion 6 6 answer. on this limited evaluation. 7 THE WITNESS: Correct. 7 BY MR. JOKELSON: In the findings above the radiologist 8 9 Q. Does this indicate to you that perhaps you notes that there is normal echogenicity and should have been looking at the medical records Doppler flow signal. That by definition shows no testicular torsion. rather than relying upon Dr. Cho? 11 12 A. No. I'd like to say that even though this BY MR. JOKELSON: 12 states that this is a limited evaluation, it does 13 Q. What is the impression? not state why this was limited or what caused -- it A. It's what you have on your screen there. does not state what the limit was. Q. No, what is an impression? Is that a 15 If there was -diagnosis or conclusion? 16 17 O. Does it --A. I'm not sure what the use of the word 18 A. -- Mr. Jokelson, let me finish, please. impression is on a radiology report. In my experience there's been reports Q. Well, do you rely upon radiology reports in 19 that say this is a limited study which prevented your practice of medicine? 20 21 A. Yes. the evaluation of vascular flow, or this was a 21

22 23 limited study in evaluating or identifying a

was. So if it lists no evidence of testicular

testicle. This does not state what the limitation

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22 Q. And you don't know what an impression means?

MR. SHUSTED: Objection. It's a

mischaracterization of what he just

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testified to. Go ahead.

- THE WITNESS: I rely on the entire
- 3 report which includes findings and which
- 4 includes impressions. I'm not relying on
- 5 one specific aspect of the record.
- 6 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 7 Q. But you're not answering my question. My
- 8 question is you just said you do not know what an
- 9 impression is?
- 10 A. No. No.
- MR. SHUSTED: No, no.
- BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 13 Q. What is an impression?
- MR. SHUSTED: No. No. It's incorrect,
- and you're doing it again. He gave you --
- you're taking one word out of context.
- 17 Would you please just stop it?
- He said what an impression was from a
- 19 radiological perspective and now you're
- 20 trying --
- MR. JOKELSON: No, he didn't.
- BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 23 Q. What is an impression from a radiological
- impression, Doctor, what is an impression?

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1 question pending.

BY MR. JOKELSON:

- 3 Q. You said that the impression is the overall
- 4 finding, right?
- 5 A. No, I didn't say that.
- 6 Q. If I misheard you, explain it to me again. I
- 7 may have misheard you.
- 8 A. Can you read -- can you read what my answer
- was? I don't even remember at this point.
- 10 (Whereupon the court reporter read back
- 11 as follows: "A. So an impression in
- 12 general, not specifically to a radiology
- 13 report, an impression is the overall
- 14 picture, the overall, I guess findings.
- I don't know what a radiologist uses the
- 16 term impression for specifically.")
- 17 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 18 Q. So, Doctor, the overall finding in this case
- was not that there was no testicular torsion, but
- 20 that there was no testicular torsion on this
- 21 limited evaluation?
- 22 A. That's incorrect, and let me explain why to
- you, Mr. Jokelson. The overall finding is looking
- at the entire report, okay, which is, part of that

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- 1 A. All right, so --
- 2 MR. SHUSTED: He's not a radiologist and
- 3 he was explaining that to you, and now
- 4 you're misstating what he said. Go ahead.
- 5 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 6 O. What is an impression?
- 7 A. So an impression in general, not specifically
- 8 to a radiology report, an impression is the overall
- 9 picture, the overall, I guess findings.
- I don't know what a radiologist uses the
- 11 term impression for specifically.
- 12 Q. So the overall finding in this case was "no
- evidence of testicular torsion on this limited
- 14 evaluation?"
- 15 A. Once again --
- MS. ROBINSON: Objection.
- 17 THE WITNESS: Once again, you just used
- 18 the word overall finding --
- MR. JOKELSON: You just said --
- MR. HOSMER: There is no question
- 21 pending.
- MR. SHUSTED: Thank you. What's the
- 23 next question then?
- MR. JOKELSON: I think there was a

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- 1 report is the findings, which says normal
- 2 echogenicity and Doppler flow signal --
- 3 Q. So how -- I apologize. Go on.
- 4 A. That is the overall picture here. So what
- 5 you're reading and you're misstating the word, you
- 6 keep saying overall finding is, and then you read
- 7 line two. No. You're reading the impression.
- 8 You're reading line two of the impression. That is
- 9 not the overall finding here.
- 10 Q. You said to me before that your definition of
- 11 the impression is the overall finding, did you not?
- 12 A. First of all, I said that my definition in
- 13 general, not specific to a radiology report, and I
- 14 also told you that I don't know what the use of the
- word impression is in radiology terminology.
- 16 Q. And yet you rely upon radiology reports in
- your practice of medicine even though you do not
- 18 know what the doctor means by impression?
- MR. SHUSTED: Objection. Are you going
- 20 to engage in arguments and misstate things
- 21 Mr. Jokelson; is that what we're here for?
- MR. JOKELSON: I think that's what he said. He can look at the record if he wants
- 24 to, but that's what I heard.

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- MR. SHUSTED: You heard what you heard.
- 2 The record is what it is. Let's have the
- 3 next question.
- 4 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 5 Q. Doctor, were you aware, Doctor, that the study
- 6 was characterized as a poor study?
- 7 MS. ROBINSON: Objection. Asked and
- 8 answered.
- 9 THE WITNESS: I believe I answered that,
- 10 but, no, I did not know.
- 11 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 12 Q. Let me show you -- this is from St.
- 13 Christopher's Hospital. Do you see right here it's
- the ED physician note?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. This was previously marked as Plaintiffs
- Exhibit P-10, which is SCHC pages 10 through 13.
- This is a note, I believe it was
- 19 authored by Erin Hassel, M.D. Do you know
- 20 Dr. Hassel?
- 21 A. No. I'm sure that I've had interactions over
- 22 the course of my time there, but I do not -- I
- 23 cannot put a face to the name and I did not know
- 24 her personally.

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- 1 Q. Well, since Dr. Cho was your source of
- 2 information for reviewing the medical records
- 3 wouldn't you have an expectation that Dr. Cho had
- 4 access to these records?
- 5 A. Once again, I don't know the time that that
- 6 was written. Many times these notes are written
- 7 after the fact, so I don't know when that would
- 8 have been in the record.
- 9 I don't know when that would have been
- available to Dr. Cho. I would expect a resident on
- scene at St. Christopher's to have access to the
- 12 medical record. I do not know when things have
- been entered into the system there.
- 14 Q. And then it says right here at 4:25 a.m. spoke
- to -- this is the emergency room doctor, spoke to
- 16 ultrasound tech re patient, she said that while it
- 17 was difficult to exam the patient secondary to the
- patient moving during the ultrasound, she's
- 19 confident there's good blood flow in both
- 20 testicles. Do you see that?
- 21 A. I see that on your screen.
- 22 Q. And you were not made aware of that
- 23 information, were you?
- MS. ROBINSON: Object to the form.

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- 1 Q. What about Pramath Nath?
- 2 A. Same thing.
- 3 Q. And you understood that Dr. Nath was the
- 4 attending physician, correct?
- 5 A. I now understand.
- 6 O. Did you understand at the time?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. It says right here ultrasound of poor quality,
- 9 however, ultrasound technician reports good blood
- 10 flow to both testicles during the examination.
- Did you ever discover this information
- in this report?
- MS. ROBINSON: Object to the form.
- 14 THE WITNESS: Upon review of the records
- in preparation of this deposition, I had
- seen that. At the time of my phone call
- with Dr. Cho, I did not know of that
- 18 information.
- 19 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 20 Q. I take it Dr. Cho had access to these records?
- 21 A. You'd have to ask Dr. Cho.
- 22 Q. Well, do you know of any reason why he
- wouldn't have access?
- 24 A. Once again you'd have to ask Dr. Cho.

- 1 THE WITNESS: No.
- 2 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 3 Q. You are not aware if Dr. Cho was made aware of
- 4 that information or had access to that information?
- 5 A. I'm not aware.
- 6 Q. It says right here consulted urology regarding
- 7 the patient. I'll represent to you that it's been
- 8 previously testified in this case that that refers
- 9 to a conversation with Dr. Cho. Do you understand
- that to be the case?
- 11 A. Correct. I had no discussions between myself
- and the emergency room physicians.
- 13 Q. So the only urology person that they could
- have been speaking to would have been Dr. Cho?
- 15 A. Correct.
- 16 Q. It says relayed that ultrasound tech was not,
- in all capital letters, concerned for torsion.
- 18 Were you ever made aware of that?
- MS. ROBINSON: Object to the form. I
- 20 don't know what "that" is.
- BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 22 Q. That which I just read?
- 23 A. Say your question again. Sorry.
- 24 Q. Were you aware what it says here that they

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- relayed to Dr. Cho that the ultrasound tech was
- not, in all capital letters, concerned for torsion?
- 3 A. I was not aware.
- 4 Q. Do you know why that information would be of
- any relevance to Dr. Cho?
- MS. ROBINSON: Object to the form. 6
- MR. SHUSTED: I object to that, too. Go 7
- ahead. You can answer. 8
- THE WITNESS: Please repeat that or 9
- please rephrase that. 10
- 11 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 12 Q. Do you know whether -- why the statement that
- the ultrasound -- why relaying that the ultrasound 13
- tech was not concerned for torsion was of any 14
- relevance to Dr. Cho? 15
- 16 MS. ROBINSON: Objection. Lack of
- foundation. 17
- THE WITNESS: As I mentioned to you 18
- 19 before, I do not rely upon the comments of
- an ultrasound tech, and that is also 20
- construed upon our residents, that an 21
- ultrasound tech has no -- there's no reason 22
- an ultrasound tech should be giving an 23
- 24 interpretation, and we would never provide

patient care based off of an ultrasound

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- MR. JOKELSON: Can you read back the
- Doctor's answer from a couple answers ago?
- I think he used the word confined.
- (Whereupon the court reporter read back 4
- as follows: "A. As I mentioned to you
- before, I do not rely upon the comments of 6
- an ultrasound tech, and that is also
- construed upon our residents, that an
- ultrasound tech has no -- there's no reason 9
- an ultrasound tech should be giving an 10
- 11 interpretation, and we would never provide
- patient care based off of an ultrasound 12
- 13 tech's interpretation.")
- BY MR. JOKELSON: 14
- 15 O. I don't know what the word construed means.
- What do you mean by construed upon our residents? 16
- A. Meaning that in training a resident we tell
- the resident that they are never to rely upon an
- ultrasound tech's words. That means nothing. They
- should be relying upon a radiologist. 20
- Q. So you actually teach them that? 21
- A. That's part of the residency, is learning how
- to obtain information and where.
- 24 Q. I'm saying you actually teach them

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- 2 tech's interpretation.
- BY MR. JOKELSON: 4 Q. And that's because an ultrasound tech is not
- qualified to do so, is it not?
- MS. ROBINSON: Objection. Asked and 6
- 7

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- THE WITNESS: Once again, I had answered 8
- that, but I don't know what the 9
- qualifications are of an ultrasound tech. 10
- BY MR. JOKELSON: 11
- 12 Q. So it's possible that the ultrasound tech may
- be qualified; is that what you're saying?
- MS. ROBINSON: Objection. Asked and 14
- answered. 15
- MR. HOSMER: Object to the form. 16
- MR. SHUSTED: Objection. Come on. Come 17
- on. 18
- BY MR. JOKELSON: 19
- 20 Q. Is that what you're saying, Doctor?
- MS. ROBINSON: Objection. 21
- THE WITNESS: Mr. Jokelson, I already 22
- said to you I'm not sure what the 23
- qualifications are of an ultrasound tech.

- specifically not to rely upon an ultrasound
- 2 technician, correct?

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- MR. SHUSTED: Objection. Go ahead. You 3
- can answer. Really? 4
- MR. JOKELSON: Really. 5
- MR. SHUSTED: What you're trying to 6
- 7
- MR. JOKELSON: I want to get an answer. 8
- MR. SHUSTED: -- you take it out of one 9
- context and give it another and it's a 10
- sneaky think. And I've said it. 11
- That's sneaky and can we please have 12
- another question. 13
- BY MR. JOKELSON: 14
- Q. Why don't you answer the question, Doctor? 15
- A. So during their training a resident is
- informed on the proper ways of obtaining 17
- information, and if a resident were to gather 18
- information from an ultrasound tech, that resident 19
- would immediately be made aware that that's not the 20
- appropriate information to obtain. They would be 21
- referred to a radiologist, a radiology read. 22
- Q. Did anybody ever tell Dr. Cho that there's no 23
- reason for him to have -- there's no reason for

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record. 6

highly improper question that misstates the

THE WITNESS: Also, Mr. Jokelson, 7

there's interference, so I cannot hear 8

what's going on. 9

BY MR. JOKELSON: 10

11 Q. Is the echo coming from me? Am I echoing now?

12 A. No.

13 Q. Can everybody else hear me?

MR. SHUSTED: Yes. 14

15 MR. JOKELSON: I lost my train of

16 thought, though.

THE WITNESS: It's terrible when you get 17

18 interrupted.

19 MR. JOKELSON: Pat, can you read back

20 where we were?

(Whereupon the court reporter read back 21

as follows: "Q. Did anybody ever tell Dr. 22

23 Cho that there's no reason for him to

have -- there's no reason for information

to make him change his answer. 4

MR. HOSMER: David, Dr. Cho said he

didn't rely on the ultrasound tech, so why 6

7 are we even doing this.

MS. ROBINSON: I'm sorry, if I could add

to the objection, Dr. Hassel testified about 9

this conversation at length, so you're 10

11 asking this witness about a conversation

that may or may not have happened that he 12

wasn't privy to. I just --13

MR. JOKELSON: I'm asking about a 14

conversation that was reported to have 15

happened involving the person he was 16

supervising. I think that's appropriate. 17

MS. ROBINSON: You've laid no foundation 18

19 that he was even aware of the conversation.

Again, it's so far in the abstract and 20

21 hypothetical, that it's just ridiculous.

MR. SHUSTED: Hearsay. 22

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23 MR. JOKELSON: I'll remind everybody

24 that we're at a deposition, not trial.

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from an ultrasound technician to be relayed

2 to him?")

MR. SHUSTED: I object, and, Doctor, why 3

don't you leave the room for a second and 4

I'll put my objection on the record. 5

(Witness excused.) 6

MR. SHUSTED: Dr. Concodora has answered 7

very specific questions in context as to why 8

he -- what use is to be made from the data 9

from an ultrasound technician and it should 10

not be relied upon for certain reasons, and 11

now you're taking those words and misstating 12

something by saying no reliance whatsoever. 13

So obviously ultrasound technicians 14

provide data, and you're now trying to say 15

anything a ultrasound technician does is 16

useless and you're trying to get this Doctor 17

to say --18

MR. JOKELSON: I'm not saying it's 19

20 useless.

MR. SHUSTED: You're trying to create 21

something, and you're misstating what he 22

said, and creating not only a misstatement 23

but you're arguing with the Doctor. You

MR. SHUSTED: That goes to foundation.

2 The objection to the form is foundation.

You're asking him about someone else's 3

conversation with someone else, and you've 4

already questioned those people about that, 5

and saying what did they mean when they were 6

talking about that. He wasn't there. 7

MR. JOKELSON: I didn't ask what they 8

meant. That's exactly not what I asked him, 9

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MS. ROBINSON: By asking whether or not 11

it was proper, you're clearly asking what 12

they meant. He can't give an opinion about 13

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MR. JOKELSON: Why don't we bring him 15

back. 16

BY MR. JOKELSON: 17

Q. Did you ever review the final radiology report 18

done in this case in connection with the 19

preliminary report? 20

A. During review for this deposition, yes. 21

Q. But not at the time? 22

23 A. Well, at the time there was no final report

because that wasn't provided for another seven

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- 1 hours or so.
- **2** Q. But you wrote your note four days later?
- 3 A. Correct, and my note was written based off of
- 4 my phone conversation with Dr. Cho and nothing
- 5 else
- 6 Q. Did you take notes of that phone conversation?
- 7 A. No.
- 8 Q. And you remembered everything that happened in
- 9 that phone conversation, enough to write a note
- 10 about it four days later?
- 11 A. Enough to write that note, yes. What I wrote
- in that note is factual and based on the
- 13 conversation.
- 14 Q. How many patients have you seen in the
- 15 interim?
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 Q. Twenty or less?
- **18** A. I don't know.
- 19 Q. Did you see any?
- 20 A. Yes.
- 21 Q. Were you -- did you see patients after 8:00
- a.m. on the 24th of July, on that day?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. Did you perform surgery that day?

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- 1 Q. Do you have any recollection today what your
- 2 conversation was with Dr. Cho, actual recollection
- 3 as distinct from what's on the record?
- 4 A. Minimal.
- 5 Q. What's the minimal part?
- 6 A. I remember speaking with Dr. Cho about that
- 7 there was waxing and waning of the scrotum, meaning
- 8 there was a size difference in the scrotum that was
- 9 coming and going to put it in a different term, and
- 10 I remember the ultrasound was read as normal with
- 11 no evidence of testicular torsion.
- 12 Q. Was the waxing and waning over the course of
- 13 the child's lifetime?
- 14 A. I don't recall the duration of time.
- 15 Q. Did there come a time when Urology for
- 16 Children was not being paid by St. Christopher's
- 17 Hospital?
- **18** A. I'm not privy to that information.
- 19 Q. I'm going to show you a document. This is a
- 20 filing in the United States District Court by
- 21 Urology for Children. Let me show you here on page
- 22 2 of this filing, there is a footnote, too, that
- 23 refers to agreements that are with St.
- 24 Christopher's Hospital and one of them is a service

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- 1 A. I'd have to check my schedule. I don't know.
- 2 Q. Did you see patients on the 25th?
- 3 A. I'd have to check my schedule.
- 4 Q. Did you see them on the 26th?
- 5 A. Same answer. I'd have to check my schedule.
- 6 O. And the same answer would be for the 27th or
- 7 the 28th?
- 8 A. That would be correct.
- 9 Q. But you're certain you made no notes of your
- 10 conversation with Dr. Concodora?
- 11 A. You mean Dr. Cho?
- 12 Q. I meant Dr. Cho. Thank you for correcting my
- 13 mistake.
- 14 A. Correct.
- 15 Q. And you just wrote your note from your memory
- 16 entirely?
- 17 A. Correct.
- 18 Q. And I think you said before, unless I'm
- 19 misunderstanding, that you don't recall having any
- 20 conversations with Dr. Balsara?
- 21 A. Correct.
- 22 Q. And you never spoke to the patient in this
- case or his parents?
- 24 A. Correct.

- 1 agreement.
- I think I raised that before when we
- 3 were off the record in the beginning of the
- 4 deposition.
- 5 Do you have any knowledge about that
- service agreement?
- 7 A. No, I do not.
- 8 Q. And I had asked your counsel, Mr. Shusted,
- 9 again, to produce that.
- MR. SHUSTED: I'll look into it if you
- 11 send me a follow-up e-mail, too.
- MR. JOKELSON: Off the record.
- (Whereupon a discussion was held off the
- 15 record.)

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17 BY MR. JOKELSON:

- 18 Q. It identifies in here that the debtors, which
- is the entity that own St. Christopher's Hospital
- 20 were obligated to make payments to Urology for
- 21 Children for services rendered and that the debtors
- 22 defaulted on their obligation to make all required
- 23 payments, and in that regard it identifies that the
- 24 debtors owe Urology for Children \$37,200 for

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- torsion because a delay in diagnosis can lead to a
- loss of the testicle?
- 3 A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And do you understand that in making that
- assessment it's necessary to urgently have an
- ultrasound performed?
- 7 A. That is part of the assessment.
- 8 Q. Well, is there any criticality to having that
- done sooner rather than later? 9
- MS. ROBINSON: Object to the form. 10
- Vague. 11
- BY MR. JOKELSON: 12
- 13 Q. Is that a yes?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. I couldn't hear you, Doctor.
- 16 A. Yes.
- 17 Q. And that's a Doppler ultrasound?
- 18 A. Correct, that would be ultrasound that has
- Doppler flow, yes. 19
- 20 Q. In these sorts of situations time is of the
- essence for salvaging the testicle? 21
- MS. ROBINSON: Object to the form. 22
- 23 BY MR. JOKELSON:
- 24 Q. Taking these prompt actions?

- right?
- A. Correct. We went over there, yes.
- 3 O. So in order to insure that the testicle
- remains viable, the various items on the
- differential have to be excluded in an urgent
- fashion, an emergent fashion? 6
- 7 A. Correct.
- MS. ROBINSON: Objection. 8
- MR. SHUSTED: Object to the form.
- MS. ROBINSON: I join in the objection 10
- I'm sorry, Doctor, and, Mr. Jokelson, I'm
- not trying to interrupt anyone, but 12
- Dr. Concodora you're not my witness and 13
- sometimes there's no time between
- Mr. Jokelson finishing and you starting, so 15
- that leads me to interrupting one of you, so 16
- if I could respectfully ask for maybe a 17
- brief pause in between the finishing of the 18
- question and you answering, I think that 19
- would stop me from interrupting. 20
- BY MR. JOKELSON: 21
- Q. Part of that emergent evaluation to rule out 22
- testicular torsion in the presence of an acute --23
- of acute scrotal pain would be the performance

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CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 89 CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 91 urgently of a scrotal ultrasound? 1 O. So it was not related in a lack of confidence MS. ROBINSON: Object to the form. in the results of the ultrasound? 2 THE WITNESS: If testicular torsion is MS. ROBINSON: Object to the form. 3 on the differential diagnosis, then, yes, THE WITNESS: I can't answer for ultrasound is appropriate, yes. Dr. Cho, but like I mentioned, Dr. Cho would BY MR. JOKELSON: have been coming in regardless. 6 6 7 Q. And testicular torsion should be on the 7 MR. YOUNG: Thank you. That's all I differential diagnosis when a patient has acute 8 have. Thank you. scrotal pain? MR. HOSMER: I have nothing. 9 10 A. Correct. MS. ROBINSON: I don't have anything. 10 11 Q. Is that correct? MR. FOWLER: No questions from me. 11 12 A. Yes. MR. JOKELSON: Thank you, everyone. 12 MR. JOKELSON: I don't have any further 13 13 questions, I don't think. Thank you, (Deposition concluded at 6:05 p.m.) 14 14 though. 15 15 16 MR. YOUNG: I have just a few. David, 16 would you please put up SCHC 12? 17 17 MR. JOKELSON: Mr. Young, do you know 18 18 what plaintiff exhibit that was? 19 19 20 MR. YOUNG: It's the emergency urgent 20 care notes. 21 21 MR. JOKELSON: I believe it's 22 22 Plaintiff's Exhibit 10. You want page 12? 23 23 24 MR. YOUNG: Yes, please. 24 CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 90 CHARLES CONCODORA, M.D. Page 92 CERTIFICATION BY MR. YOUNG: 2 Q. Doctor, my name is George Young. I represent I, PATRICIA A. LIPSKI, hereby Dr. Kalyanpur and I would like, please, if we could 4 certify that the testimony and the proceedings in highlight Dr. Hassel's note of 5:32 a.m. Can you the foregoing matter, are contained fully and do that, David? 5 6 accurately in the stenographic notes taken by me, MR. JOKELSON: Sure. 6 7 and that pages 1 through 91 of this testimony are a 7 BY MR. YOUNG: 8 true and correct transcript of the same. 8 Q. Doctor, do you see that? 9 9 A. Yes. 10 10 Q. Dr. Hassel wrote spoke to urologist, reported Patricia a Lipshi 11 that he was not confident in the results of the 12 ultrasound. He is coming in to evaluate the 12 PATRICIA A. LIPSKI RPR, CCR, New Jersey, Notary Public 13 patient. 13 14 Was that ever communicated to you that the urologist was not confident in the results of 15 The foregoing certification of this 15 the ultrasound? 16 transcript does not apply to any reproduction of 16 17 A. So that line from the medical record was not 17 the same by any means unless under the direct relayed to me. 18 control and/or direction of the certifying 19 Q. Did Dr. Cho ever indicate to you why he 19 shorthand reporter. decided to come in to evaluate the patient? 20 20 21 A. Because that's standard for the residents 21 covering the emergency room. Every scrotal pain is 22 to be seen by the resident in person. So that is 23 23 standard for that resident to come in. 2.4

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